

CHAPTER 8

MISCELLANEOUS

HASCI Waiver and Hospice Services:

When a HASCI Waiver participant elects to also receive State Plan Hospice Services, the Hospice provider becomes the “Authorizer” of all services. That means that the Waiver Case Manager must obtain authorization from the Hospice provider before board provided waiver services, such as Residential Habilitation, can be provided. Once it is determined what services the participant will receive, the Hospice authorization number should be obtained (e.g. HSP028). This authorization number must be communicated to the HASCI Waiver Coordinator along with the participant’s name, social security number, county in which he/she resides, date he/she entered Hospice, Medicaid number, the Waiver Case Manager’s name and the services that the participant will receive. The HASCI Waiver Coordinator will be responsible for reporting this information to SCDDN Central Office-SURB for billing purposes.

No HASCI Waiver services may be authorized for participants who elect to receive Hospice services funded by State Plan Medicaid without a prior authorization number from the Hospice provider.

Children (age 0-21) enrolled in the HASCI Waiver that are receiving State Plan Medicaid Hospice services are eligible to receive needed HASCI Waiver funded services as long as the service is being provided in accordance with waiver service definitions and policies.

The following HASCI Waiver services in the left column may be routinely authorized by DDSN for adult participants, if appropriate. Those services in the right column may not be authorized for adult participants while receiving the Hospice benefit:

May be routinely authorized if appropriate	May not be authorized
Residential Habilitation	Nursing Services
Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)	Attendant Care
Specialized Medical Equipment, Supplies, and Assistive Technology *Note: this service will be limited to those items already identified on the plan of service. These services will not be authorized for newly requested items for waiver participants entering Hospice.	Respite Care
Incontinence Supplies	Behavior Support Services
Waiver Case Management	Environmental Modifications
	Private Vehicle Modifications
	Private Vehicle Modification Assessments/Consultations
	Day Activity
	Career Preparation
	Employment Services
	Pest Control
	Physical Therapy
	Psychological Services
	Occupational Therapy
	Speech and Hearing Services
	Health Education of Participant-Directed Care
	Peer Guidance for Participant-Directed Care
	Equipment and Assistive Technology Assessment/Consultation

Out of State Travel:

HASCI Waiver participants may travel out of state and retain a waiver slot under the following conditions:

- The trip is planned and will not exceed 90 consecutive days;
- The participant continues to receive two waiver services consistent with SCDDSN policy;
- Waiver services received are provided by a South Carolina Medicaid provider;
- South Carolina Medicaid eligibility is maintained.

During travel, waiver services will be limited to the frequency of service currently approved on the participant's Support Plan. Services must be monitored according to SCDDSN policy.

The parameters of this policy are established by SCDHHS for all HCB Waiver participants.

Income Trust:

If a potential participant is deemed "not eligible" for Medicaid due to excessive income, he/she may become eligible after an Income Trust is established. The potential participant must meet all other Medicaid eligibility criteria.

Under this option, the potential participant establishes a trust account into which all of his/her income is deposited. Each month, after appropriate deductions for living expenses and other fees, Medicaid bills the trust for any Medicaid services provided.

Specific and detailed information about Income Trusts is available from the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS/Eligibility). Income Trusts must be set up by an attorney or trust professional and must be set up according to the specific guidelines set by SCDHHS/Eligibility.